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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decline in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $2,090.6 million in January to $2,063.0 million in February[1], a decrease of about one percent, reflected decreases in exports of three of the economic classes of commodities, crude foodstuffs, semimanufactures, and crude materials which were partly offset by increases in exports of the two remaining economic classes of commodities, manufactured foodstuffs and finished manufactures. The February 1964 domestic merchandise export total was about the same as the February 1963 total of $2,074.0 million. These figures include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments.

Excluding Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, February exports of domestic merchandise were valued at $1,966.0 million, two percent less than the January total of $1,998.1 million and about one percent less than the February 1963 total of $1,990.5 million.

[1]See the February 1964 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

The drop in exports of crude foodstuffs from $227.4 million in January to $209.7 million in February was largely due to a seasonable drop in exports of corn, from $63.6 to $46.6 million. Decreases in exports of distillate and residual fuel oil, from $7.8 to $3.9 million; industrial chemicals, from $37.2 to $33.6 million; and iron and steel plates sheets and strips, from $20.8 to $18.5 million accounted for most of the decline in exports of semimanufactures from $300.7 to $289.5 million. Exports of crude materials fell from $247.4 to $237.9 million reflecting in part decreases in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from $79.0 to $74.9 million and coal, from $33.4 to $31.1 million.

During the period, exports of manufactured foodstuffs rose from $127.7 to $137.3 million owing chiefly to higher levels of exports of milled rice from $22.4 to $28.3 million and wheat flour, from $7.4 to $9.6 million. Although the over-all increase in exports of finished manufactures from January to February was small, from $1,187.4 to $1,188.5 million, counterbalancing changes were reported in exports of many of the individual commodities included in this economic class. The more notable of these were motor trucks and busses, from $22.3 to $27.8 million; construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from $76.8 to $81.2 million; agricultural machines, implements and parts, from $15.8 to $20.1 million; lubricating oil, from $15.1 to $18.3 million; aircraft, parts and accessories, from $114.9 to $92.1 million; and railway transportation equipment, from $10.1 to $6.5 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under $100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under $50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: FEBRUARY 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1964 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1963 include revisions published with the December 1963 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1964. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified)

Economic class and commodity[1]		February 1964	January 1964	February 1963	Monthly average 1963
Total	value	[2]2,063.0	[3]2,090.6	[4]2,074.0	[5]1,910.1
Crude materials	value	237.9	247.4	226.4	214.7
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	6.8	6.5	7.1	6.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb.	160,043	166,757	138,227	155,156
	value	10.6	11.5	8.6	10.0
Oilseeds	value	46.3	48.0	53.3	42.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	36,308	36,901	30,926	42,124
	value	28.6	28.8	24.2	33.6
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	597	614	573	393
	value	74.9	79.0	69.6	48.9
Coal	1,000 s.tons	3,213	3,399	2,733	4,203
	value	31.1	33.4	26.3	39.5
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	98	116	116	141
	value	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
All other crude materials	value	39.2	39.8	37.0	34.0
Crude foodstuffs	value	209.7	227.4	192.0	189.4
Corn	1,000 bu.	33,390	46,670	33,021	36,492
	value	46.6	63.6	43.8	49.1
Wheat	1,000 bu.	65,605	66,033	51,620	53,257
	value	116.8	116.6	93.9	95.1
Other grains	value	22.1	21.5	30.4	18.7
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb.	103,300	122,515	211,710	155,221
	value	6.6	8.5	10.3	9.0
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb.	116,261	103,747	66,348	111,542
	value	9.4	8.6	6.2	9.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	1.9	1.7	0.9	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs	value	6.2	6.9	6.5	7.0
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	137.3	127.7	130.4	124.8
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb.	57,326	61,379	49,808	47,019
	value	16.6	17.3	13.5	13.0
Lard	1,000 lb.	52,304	62,716	37,551	44,806
	value	5.4	6.3	4.0	4.0
Dairy products	1,000 lb.	53,478	52,183	49,598	66,620
	value	7.6	10.4	7.0	10.2
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb.	5,045	4,372	4,195	2,873
	value	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.4
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb.	418	314	255	219
	value	28.3	22.4	17.0	14.7
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt.	2,527	1,912	2,871	2,801
	value	9.6	7.4	10.0	10.8
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	4.7	3.9	4.6	4.3
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb.	14,922	11,136	13,461	17,271
	value	3.3	2.5	3.0	3.5
Canned fruits	1,000 lb.	30,044	35,806	30,809	42,857
	value	4.6	5.1	4.2	5.8
Fruit juices	1,000 gal.	2,074	1,414	3,498	2,446
	value	3.5	2.4	4.8	3.4
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb.	70,776	84,705	54,187	71,994
	value	8.7	9.8	7.6	9.2
Sugar and related products	value	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.2
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	17.4	16.2	19.8	16.3
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	23.5	20.4	32.1	25.9
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	289.5	300.7	294.8	273.6
Leather	value	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.4
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb.	64,518	53,763	67,043	52,865
	value	15.2	13.4	15.2	13.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity[1]	February 1964	January 1964	February 1963	Monthly average 1963
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	3.9	3.5	4.6	3.8
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	63,008	50,434	10,208	59,592
value..	5.9	5.1	1.1	6.0
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	37,470	35,427	41,268	33,977
value..	5.2	4.8	5.9	4.8
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	14,085	12,594	16,135	12,617
value..	2.0	1.8	2.1	1.8
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	19,536	17,636	20,770	18,127
value..	13.7	13.2	13.4	13.1
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd. ft..	68,042	69,726	61,143	73,055
value..	8.5	8.3	8.0	9.0
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	120	132	136	118
value..	15.5	16.7	18.3	15.2
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	1,529	3,005	4,657	2,674
value..	3.9	7.8	17.7	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	107	92	111	134
value..	2.1	1.8	2.6	2.8
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	3.8	3.1	1.3	2.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	25,336	21,600	18,617	19,696
value..	2.9	2.6	2.2	2.3
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	176,530	211,207	132,315	124,510
value..	18.5	20.8	16.5	15.5
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	60,448	53,012	68,247	68,844
value..	4.4	3.5	5.1	4.9
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	19.3	19.6	16.6	16.8
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	11.9	13.9	13.6	11.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	16.9	18.8	15.6	16.6
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	17.4	19.5	15.5	16.5
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	90,489	92,308	85,117	74,100
value..	27.7	28.1	28.4	24.1
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]...value..	33.6	37.2	27.3	32.2
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	40,739	32,053	48,859	40,894
value..	4.2	3.4	5.6	4.5
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	78,852	56,710	175,991	109,612
value..	2.0	1.2	2.6	2.5
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]....value..	47.2	48.6	51.8	43.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,188.5	1,187.4	1,230.4	1,107.6
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	85	77	97	82
value..	2.5	2.3	3.2	2.5
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	9.7	9.4	11.4	9.3
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,702	1,843	2,148	1,968
value..	7.8	8.2	9.5	8.9
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.1
Cotton cloth.....value..	9.2	10.3	12.1	9.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	8.0	6.9	8.0	7.4
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	15.5	15.0	16.7	14.8
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.7	6.5	7.1	5.9
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	29.3	28.1	26.4	26.1
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	1.2	2.8	3.8	2.7
Lubricating oil.....value..	18.3	15.1	17.9	19.1
Glass and products.....value..	8.9	8.5	8.3	8.2
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	10.1	11.2	12.5	13.2
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	41.9	40.4	43.3	40.2
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	16,527	12,413	16,116	17,294
value..	2.8	2.0	2.5	2.7
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	40.4	42.2	36.1	33.4
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	89.5	81.4	85.5	77.3
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	27.2	29.1	31.6	26.1
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	81.2	76.8	75.9	73.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	25.3	24.5	27.0	21.0
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	16.8	14.6	22.5	16.0
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	14.6	13.9	14.5	12.6
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	115.4	106.4	114.2	104.3

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Economic class and commodity[1]		February 1964	January 1964	February 1963	Monthly average 1963
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts	value..	34.2	33.4	30.0	30.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts	value..	20.1	15.8	15.6	15.2
Tractors	number..	9,387	7,745	8,447	5,895
	value..	22.6	24.2	20.3	21.6
Tractor parts and accessories	value..	13.9	14.9	14.6	13.6
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new)	number..	13,216	13,029	12,711	10,061
	value..	27.8	22.3	25.6	22.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new)	number..	13,193	19,472	12,023	12,041
	value..	25.7	31.2	23.8	22.2
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement	value..	74.1	77.7	65.6	64.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new)	value..	18.4	11.2	11.5	11.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories	value..	92.1	114.9	145.3	103.4
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c	number..	9	4	7	6
	value..	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.9
Railway transportation equipment	value..	6.5	10.1	8.1	12.0
Antibiotics	value..	4.4	4.7	6.1	4.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	value..	18.3	17.4	21.5	17.5
Soap and toilet preparations	value..	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c	value..	3.4	3.7	3.5	4.7
Ammunition, components and parts	value..	27.4	25.0	25.5	18.3
Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	25.4	41.5	41.3	33.4
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	184.9	176.8	174.9	171.4

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Includes $97.0 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($35.0 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $92.5 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($49.6 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $83.5 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($32.4 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $76.7 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($26.0 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included.